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BUCHAREST FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. ACCOMPANIED BY THE WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS AND
CHARGES, SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BARTON (CANADA)
HELD AN INFORMAL CONSULTATION PM JULY 17 WITH THE
AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (AMBASSADOR
RAMPHUL OF MAURITIUS AND THE NIGERIAN AND GABONESE
CHARGES). AFTER A BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR MCHENRY ON
THE LUANDA TALKS, AMBASSADOR BARTON EXPLAINED OUR
INTENTIONS CONCERNING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
OF NAMIBIA. THE AFRICANS SEEMED UNCERTAIN OF THE OUT-
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COME OF THE LUANDA TALKS AND SAID THAT THEY AWAITED
A PRONOUNCEMENT FROM KHARTOUM OF THE OAU POSITION ON
NAMIBIA. RAMPHUL SPECIFICALLY CITED CONFUSING PRESS
STATEMENTS BY NUJOMA, BUT SAID HIS PRINCIPAL CITATION
WAS THE GUARDIAN ARTICLE WHICH SAID THAT SWAPO HAD
"REJECTED" PROPOSAL. RAMPHUL WENT ON TO MAKE A
VARIETY OF TIRED ARGUMENTS ON WALVIS BAY AND TO STATE

THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING MIGHT HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY UPSET BY UK APPROACHES IN MAURITIUS, POINTEDLY STATING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT HE DID NOT NEED INSTRUCTIONS FROM SIR HAROLD WALTER.

2. AMB MCHENRY EXPLAINED THAT NUJOMA IS UNABLE TO CONFIRM PUBLICLY HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE THE AGREED TREATMENT OF WALVIS BAY IS NOT YET PUBLIC. MCHENRY WENT THROUGH THE USUAL RESPONSES ON WALVIS BAY AND STRESSED THE DANGER OF DELAYING THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ANY LONGER.

3. COMMENT. THE GABONESE AND NIGERIANS ARE CLEARLY AWAITING A SIGNAL FROM KHARTOUM. RAMPHUL WILL ALSO CONFORM TO THE OAU POSITION BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE IS BEING HIS USUAL UNCOOPERATIVE SELF BY MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE ADHERES TO OAU DECISIONS, IS NOT SATISFIED BY THOSE OF THE FRONTLINE ALONE, AND, OF COURSE, CAN'T TAKE OUR WORD ON THE OUTCOME OF LUANDA. END COMMENT. LEONARD

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